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'Racist' Trump ad pulled from air as campaigns rush to uncertain end

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - NBC, Fox News and Facebook pulled a controversial ad by President Donald Trump's campaign that critics had labeled racist as a bitter election fight for control of the U.S. Congress headed on Monday for an unpredictable finish.

Tuesday's elections, widely seen as a referendum on Trump, have been portrayed by both Republicans and Democrats as critical for the future of the country. At stake is control of both chambers of Congress, and with it the ability to block or promote Trump's agenda, as well as 36 governor's

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A surge in early voting, fueled by a focus on Trump's pugilistic, norms-breaking presidency by supporters of both parties, could signal the highest turnout in 50 years for a midterm U.S. election, when the White House is not on the line.

The 30-second ad, which was sponsored by Trump's 2020 re-election campaign and which debuted online last week, featured courtroom video of an illegal immigrant from Mexico convicted in the 2014 killings of two police officers, juxtaposed with scenes of migrants headed through Mexico.

Critics, including members of Trump's own party, had condemned the spot as racially divisive.

CNN had refused to run the ad, saying it was "racist." NBC, owned by Comcast Corp, said on Monday it was no longer running the ad, which it called "insensitive."

Fox News Channel, which Trump has repeatedly named his favorite broadcaster and is highly supportive of his nationalist policies, also said it would no longer run the spot. Fox News, a unit of Twenty-First Century Fox Inc, said it had made the decision after a review but did not elaborate. Facebook Inc said it would no longer allow paid promotions of the ad although it would allow users to share the ad on their own pages.



U.S. President Trump gives thumbs up during campaign rally in Cleveland, Ohio

Trump batted away reporters' questions about the networks' decision to drop the ad.

"You're telling me something I don't know about. We have a lot of ads, and they certainly are effective based on the numbers we're seeing," Trump said as he departed Joint Base Andrews in Maryland for a rally in Cleveland, Ohio. Asked about concerns that the ad was offensive, he replied, "A lot of things are offensive. Your questions are offensive." After Ohio, Trump was headed to campaign against vulnerable Democratic

U.S. senators in Indiana and Missouri at the end of a six-day pre-election sweep. Opinion polls and election forecasters favor Democrats to pick up the minimum of 23 seats they need on Tuesday to capture a majority in the U.S. House of Representatives, which would enable them to stymie Trump's legislative agenda and investigate his administration.

Trump close to naming U.N. envoy, sees more Cabinet changes

WASHINGTON (Reuters) -President Donald Trump said on Monday he would nominate a new U.S. ambassador to the United Nations by the end of the week and that more changes in his Cabinet may be coming.

Trump said last week he was seriously considering naming U.S. State Department spokeswoman Heather Nauert to the post to succeed Nikki Haley, who said on Oct. 9 she would resign at the end of the year.

"I'll announce before the end of the week the U.N. ambassador," Trump told reporters before leaving Washington for another series of campaign rallies a day before the congressional midterm elections

"Administrations make changes usually after midterms, and probably we'll be right in that category, too," Trump added. "I think it's very customary. No timeline. For the most part I love my Cabinet. We have some really talented people.

Haley was the latest in a string of senior Trump administration figures to quit, although she made her announcement in the Oval Office sitting next to Trump, who praised her for doing "an incredible job."

White House counsel Don Mc-Gahn's departure was announced in August and he has left. Scott Pruitt, the Environmental Protection Agency chief, resigned on July 5 under fire over ethics controversies.

In response to reporters' questions as he left for a rally in Cleveland, Trump said he was not planning to replace Defense Secretary Jim Mattis. Last month, Trump said Mattis "may leave" and that he regarded him as "sort

of a Democrat.".

He also said Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke was doing a "good job." Zinke has been under at least three probes by the Interior Department's inspector general over ethics questions. Last month, the inspector general sent one of the probes to the Justice Department, increasing the chances that Zinke could face a criminal investigation.

Trump did not answer when asked about Attorney General Jeff Sessions, whom he has frequently criticized.



President Trump departs Washington to hold campaign rallies in three states



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- 在每次選舉時,善用自己的那張選票來表達聲音







LOCAL NEWS

How Ted Cruz and Beto O'Rourke got to this point

The tight race between GOP incumbent Ted Cruz and Democratic challenger Beto O'Rourke will be decided tomorrow.

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The two candidates for U.S. Senate from Texas have several things in common: They both grew up in Texas. They both graduated from Ivy League universities. They've both become well-known relatively early in their

political careers.

point.

But ideologically, Republican Ted Cruz and Democrat Beto O'Rourke couldn't be more different. Cruz was elected to the Senate in a wave of Tea Party voting. O'Rourke leans to the progressive, liberal side of the spectrum.

Tuesday, Texas will choose one of them to represent them in the Senate in what has become a surprisingly close election in a historically dark-red state.

Take a look at the two candidates through the years in the following slide-

shows and learn how they got to this





Gas prices plunge to lowest since April

Average gasoline prices had the biggest weekly drop all year, falling to the lowest level since April, according GasBuddy, which tracks gasoline prices nationwide.

The plunge has followed the recent rout in oil markets that has pushed crude prices down to about \$63 a barrel from a recent peak of \$76 -- a 17 percent decline. In Houston, gasoline prices fell 8 cents over the week to \$2.43 a gallon on Sunday, GasBuddy said. Nationally, the average price fall to 7 cents a gallon to \$2.73.

Average prices in both Houston and nationally are down about 18 cents a gallon from a month ago, but more than 20 cents a gallon higher than a year ago. Patrick DeHaan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy, said that part of the decline was seasonal as scheduled shutdowns of refineries had led to higher crude inventories, which turn have spurred declines in oil prices. But other factors, such as

concerns over the pace of economic growth, have contributed.

"Jitters over the economy and stock market have helped to push values down," he said. " We should see prices move lower yet againbut this behavior is par for the course every autumn."





Gasoline prices had the biggest price drop of the year over the past week.

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Editor's Choice



A commuter walks past U.S. political party symbols at Metro station in Reston, Virginia



Donald Trump, Jr. and Kimberly Guilfoyle campaign for Republican candidates ahead of the 2018 midterm elections, in Beckley, West Virginia



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Republican senate nominee Patrick Morrisey greets supporters at a blacksmith's forge ahead of the 2018 midterm elections in Falling Water, West Virginia Four Realms' movie in London, Britain, November 1, 2018. REUTERS/Simon Dawson



Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) takes part in a motorcycle ride around the state ahead of the 2018 midterm elections in Charlestown, West Virginia



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Ojeda speaks to supporters ahead of the 2018 midterm elections in Peach Creek



Bell of West Logan awaits the arrival of Senator Manchin in Peach Creek



COMMUNITY

On Nov. 6, Texas voters will decide who will hold several statewide, legislative and congressional seats. To help Texans navigate Election Day, we've compiled an overview of everything you need to know about casting a ballot in the 2018 midterms. (And no, you still can't take a selfie at the polls.)

If you share your address below, we'll personalize this piece for you, showing the races you get to participate in and which county you need to work with. (Don't worry! We're not storing this information — just determining which districts and county you live in.)

Whom do I get to vote for?

Your representatives

Aside from statewide races decided by all Texans, who you get to vote for depends on where you live. On the federal level, Texans are divided among 36 U.S. House districts. On the state level, your address determines your district—and who represents you—in the Texas House, the Texas Senate and on the State Board of Education. All U.S. House and Texas House districts are up for election this year, but only half of Texas Senate and State Board of Education.



If you share your address above, we can show you the 2018 general election candidates for each of your districts. Otherwise, you can view our roundup of all the candidates here.

Your statewide candidates

Fourteen of the races on all Texans' general election ballots this year will be for statewide positions. This includes the race to decide who — in addition to John Cornyn — will represent the state in the U.S. Senate. Seven statewide races include executive positions such as governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general, and six are for the state's two highest courts — the Su-

The U.S. Midterm Elections - The Texas Perspective



What Texas Voters Should Know For The 2018 Midterm Elections

Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor

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CANDIDATES

- D Beto O'Rourke
- L Neal Dikeman
- R Ted CruzIncumbent U.S. Senate

CANDIDATES

- D Lupe Valdez
- L Mark Tippetts
- R Greg AbbottIncumbent Governor

CANDIDATES

- D Mike Collier
- L Kerry McKennon
- R Dan PatrickIncumbent
- Lieutenant Governor CANDIDATES
- **D** Justin Nelson
- L Michael Ray Harris
- R Ken PaxtonIncumbent

Attorney General CANDIDATES

- D Joi Chevalier
- D Joi Chevano
- L Ben Sanders
 R Glenn Hegar
- R Glenn HegarIncumbent Comptroller
- CANDIDATES
- D Miguel Suazo
- I Mott Disc
- L Matt Piña R George P. BushIncumbent
- **Land Commissioner**
- CANDIDATES
 D Kim Olson
- L Richard Carpenter

R Sid MillerIncumbent Agriculture Commissioner CANDIDATES

- D Roman McAllen
- L Mike Wright
- R Christi CraddickIncumbent Railroad Commissioner

CANDIDATES

- D Steven Kirkland
- R Jimmy BlacklockIncumbent Texas Supreme Court, Place 2 CANDIDATES
- D R.K. Sandill
- R John DevineIncumbent Texas Supreme Court, Place 4
- CANDIDATES
- D Kathy Cheng
- R Jeff BrownIncumbent
- Texas Supreme Court, Place 6 CANDIDATES
- D Maria T. (Terri) Jackson
- L William Bryan Strange III
- R Sharon KellerIncumbent Texas Court of Criminal Appeals,

Place 1

CANDIDATES

- D Ramona Franklin
- R Barbara Parker HerveyIncumbent
- Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 7

CANDIDATES

- L Mark Ash
- R Michelle Slaughter

Texas Court of Criminal Appeals,

Place 8



Where can I cast my ballot, and how can I find which polling places are near me?

Using the same website that allows you to check whether you're registered, you can also find polling location options on Election Day and during the early voting period. During the early voting period, voters can cast ballots at any location in the county they are registered to vote in.

Can I wear my "Beto for Senate" or "Cruz for Senate" shirt to the polls? No. Doing so constitutes electioneering,

which is illegal in Texas.

Voters who are caught wearing cam-

paign gear to the polls may get asked to turn their shirts inside out or to put on a jacket. Refusal to do so could result in being turned away from the polls.

Under Texas law, a person "may not electioneer for or against any candidate, measure, political party" within 100 feet

of the voting site during early voting or on Election Day.

What form of ID do I need to bring?

You can see more details about the acceptable forms of ID in this Texplainer, but here's a summary.

Voting in Texas requires a valid photo ID. Polling places accept seven types of photo ID:

- •A state driver's license issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- •A Texas election identification certificate (issued by the Texas Department of
- Public Safety)
 •A Texas personal identification card (issued by DPS)
- •A Texas license to carry a handgun (issued by DPS)
- •A U.S. military ID card that includes a personal photo
- •A U.S. citizenship certificate that includes a personal photo
- •A U.S. passport



What if I don't have a valid photo ID?

Voters who do not have any of those documents and cannot "reasonably obtain" them can still cast a vote if they sign a form in which they swear that they have a "reasonable impediment" from obtaining appropriate identification. Those voters will also have to present one of the following types of ID:

- •A valid voter registration certificate
- •A certified birth certificate
- •A copy or original of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or other document that shows the voter's name and address (any government document that contains a voter's photo must be an original). (Courtesy The TexasTribune.com)



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BUSINESS

What's at stake in the midterms? Both sides warn the future of our democracy is at risk

Democrats warn that the midterm elections on Tuesday will undermine the future of America's democracy unless President Trump's authoritarian instincts are curtailed. Republicans argue that the nation's sovereignty is at risk if Democrats prevail.

That's particularly remarkable because the economy is strong and the nation doesn't face an instant foreign policy crisis, although there are trouble spots around the world. Instead of a sense of peace and prosperity, though, the final weeks of the campaign have been dominated by violence and conflict: the mass murder of worshipers at a Pittsburgh synagogue, the mailing of improvised explosive devices to more than a dozen leading Democrats, the images of a caravan of Central American asylum-seekers making their way across southern Mexico

The campaign has crystallized clashing visions of what defines the nation: America First, or an increasingly diverse melting pot?

"The character of our country is on the ballot," declared former president Barack Obama, back on the stump in Miami.

President Trump's message is dark. "If you don't want America to be overrun by masses of illegal aliens and giant caravans," he warned at a rally in Missouri, "vou better vote Republican."



President Trump speaking in Montana before the 2018 midterm elections.

Most combustible midterm in a generation

Calamitous language isn't exactly new to American politics, and the assertion that just about every election is crucial has become a political trope. But the 2018 midterms have been the most combustible of any in more than a generation. The arguments are fiercer and the lines more sharply drawn than even those marked by clashes over war (Vietnam in 1966, Iraq in 2006) and scandal (Watergate in 1974, impeachment in 1998). "One electorate has its hair on fire and thinks that Donald Trump is a threat to the republic," Lawrence Jacobs, director of the Center for the Study of Politics and Governance at the University of Minnesota, said of Democrats. "For Republicans, there's an ominous warning about chaos, that the resistance movement will be the breakdown of law and order."

Both sides see "cataclsmic scenarios," Ja-

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Early Voter Turnout Has Been Heavy

Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor



People lined up to vote early at the **Cuyahoga County Board of Elec**tions in Cleveland on Sunday.

cobs said.

One sign of this year's high passions is the rise in early voting in states from Arizona to Wisconsin. By early Sunday, political scientist Michael McDonald of the University of Florida had counted a record 34.3 million people who already had voted by absentee or mail ballot, or at early voting stations. In the last midterm election, in 2014, only 20.5 million voted early; this year's total may be close to double that.



In an incendiary closing argument, Trump spotlighted a web video created by his campaign that as-

serted, without evidence, that Democrats were complicit in the deaths of two California sheriff's deputies who were killed by an illegal Mexican immigrant. A menacing figure, he is shown mocking police in court. "Who else would Democrats let in?" the ad demands. (In fact, court records show his case was handled primarily by Republicans.)

The election returns will direct but won't dissipate the nation's political heat. If Democrats win a majority in the House, as nonpartisan analysts and strategists on both sides now predict, they will gain the authority to launch vigorous congressional oversight of the Trump administration in general and the president in particular.



US Midterm Elections 2018: Over 20 Million **Cast Early Votes Before Election** Day.

Democrats also are hopeful they will win governorships now held by Republicans in Rust Belt states that were key in electing Trump — Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. A half-dozen other states that now have GOP governors have competitive contests as well, from swing states like Florida and Iowa to traditional Republican strongholds in Georgia and

Victories in state capitols will have repercussions for congressional redistricting after the 2020 Census and during the 2020 campaign, when presidential nominees could benefit from friendly governors' statewide standing and their political organizations.

SENATE LANDSCAPE FOR 2018 ith Republicans holding a narrow 5 ajority in the Senate, all eyes are or

A difference in battlegrounds Trump and other

Republicans are increasingly optimistic that the GOP will maintain control of the Senate, perhaps even bolstering their current 51-seat majority. "I know

we're doing well in the Senate," Trump boasted to reporters, though on Friday he acknowledged for the first time that they could lose the House. "It could happen," he said at a rally in Huntington, W.V. That disparity reflects an accident of the

map: Ten Democratic-held Senate seats on the ballot are in states that Trump carried in 2016, some by double-digit margins. That has put Democrats on the defensive in Indiana, Missouri, Montana and North Dakota, and it has made winning Senate control an uphill struggle. The split decision, if that happens -

Democrats flipping the House while Republicans hold the Senate — would give each side bragging rights. GOP partisans would focus on the Senate outcome as "a huge validation" of Trump, Charlie Cook of the nonpartisan Cook Political Report predicted, while Democratic partisans would argue that the House takeover was "a huge repudiation" of him.

"Everybody wakes up the next morning happy because they heard what they wanted to hear," Cook said.

Up for election Tuesday are all 435 House

seats and 35 of the 100 Senate seats. Governors will be elected in 36 states and three territories, as will state legislators across the country. Mayoral contests are being held in 27 of the nation's 100 biggest cities, among them Louisville, Nashville, Newark, Phoenix, Reno, San Francisco and Washington, D.C. What's at



stake for both parties? The power to probe. Democrats will get

more than a gavel if they win control of the House. They gain the ability to set the agenda and the authority to convene hearings, call witnesses and issue subpoenas. Many of the prospective new chairmen already are making plans. At the Judiciary Committee, Rep. Jerry Nadler of New York says he will investigate corruption accusations against Trump and allegations of sexual misconduct and perjury against newly confirmed Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh. Rep. Elijah Cummings of Maryland, now the ranking Democrat on the Oversight and Government Reform Committee, says he will pursue alleged fraud and abuse at the White House and in agencies, including the EPA.

Rep. Adam Schiff of California, in line to chair the Intelligence Committee, says he will revive the investigation into whether the Trump campaign colluded with Russians who interfered in the 2016 election. A Senate safety net. Maintaining Republican control of the Senate would make it easier for the White House to win confirmation of judicial nominees and of officials in the Cabinet, where turnover is expected. It would make it harder for Democrats, even if they rule the House, to pass legislation that Republicans don't also support or that puts the White House on the spot.

In the most cataclysmic scenario for Trump, if the House considered articles of impeachment against the president, a GOP-controlled Senate could be a backstop in a trial over whether to remove him from office.

The demography of democracy. The midterms already have broken new ground in the gender, race, religion and

sexual orientation of candidates, mostly Democrats. Among the competitive races, Georgia could become the first state to elect an African American woman as governor. Kansas and New Mexico could send the first Native American women to serve in Congress. Michigan and Minnesota are poised to elect the first Muslim women to Congress.

The democratic bargain

For some, this year's midterms have raised fundamental questions about the way our democracy works, or doesn't work.



Leon Panetta has a long perspective. He was elected to the House from California in 1976: served as President Clinton's chief of staff through the Democrats' catastrophic midterm election in 1994; and joined President Obama's Cabinet in 2009, heading the CIA and then the Pentagon. But the debate in the country today feels ominous to him, in his view a test of the need to restore checks and balances on the president.

"In the past, while there's been a lot of the politics and the ugliness we see today. I always felt it was in the end about the future of the country and what needed to happen," Panetta said. "This one lacks that sense of where this country needs to go in the future, and it's more about trying to tear down the institutions that are there. It gives you the feeling that this country in many ways is at a real turning point." And there's this: One-third of Democrats



and of Republicans say they believe that members of the opposing party are a "yery serious threat "very serious threat to the United States and its people."

While some of the findings simply reflect the current state of hyper-partisanship, political scientist Joshua Tucker of New York University says the risk is that "common touchstones" are being eroded and the basic bargain of democracy — that it's acceptable and to be expected that the other side will sometimes prevail — is being challenged. "The percentage who think the other party never has the interests of the country at heart at all?" he said. "That is going to translate to making it harder to govern.'

That would be after Election Day. (Courtesy usatoday.com)

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香港文匯報訊(記者 李思穎)鄭秀文(Sammi) 已成功取得明年七月紅館檔期開秀,對於陳奕迅申 請紅館檔期落空,Sammi笑言如果自己知他想要 七月檔期,點敢和他爭。又提議陳奕迅和謝 霆鋒合體開秀,便可以一齊做跨年秀。

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無意破場數紀錄

問到 Sammi 計劃開多少場?她表示: "未 知,通常不會開到最盡,大家知我的表演形式, 場場要命,會以'精'為主。"Sammi最多開過 16場紀錄,她坦言無意突破自己場數紀錄: "現 在這把年紀先來突破?因要付出極大體力,反而 關心做得好不好多過場數,自從《Show Mi》演 唱會之後,公司都希望我開越多越好,但我每次 都做少了,因想保持質量和體能,做太多真 的不行。"Sammi透露:"之前Side Track 演唱會的DVD於年底推出,紅館秀都會滲入 一些Side Track歌曲,所以觀眾可以買定這張 碟做功課,背熟歌詞,到時一齊玩,你唔識便 戇居居,你諗你,哈哈。"

抽水摸老公腹肌

Sammi 老公許志安同樣明年下半年開秀, Sammi 説: "可以一齊備戰,(安仔日前在社交 網放上'秀肌'相?)他沒我這麼愛自拍,偶然 見到燈光有感覺先會拍,我就任何燈光都拍,我 都有鼓勵他保持做運動,已到中年要靠運動保持身 體健康。我不怕他大隻,都會抽水摸他腹肌,(安 仔身形有多少分?)佢努力上有100分,要每日操練 才能建立肌肉,目前安仔好自動波去做,亦已見到成



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華仔用歌聲傳播愛

香港文匯報訊 劉德華世界巡迴演唱會正式進入倒數階 段,並於此時推出了演唱會同名粵語主題曲 《My Love》。輕 快、Rap的西洋舞曲曲風,再配上華仔以中國詩句所填寫的詞 "有花堪折直須折 莫待無花空折枝"。華仔説: "這首歌將西 方音樂與中國文化交流,希望藉以傳遞想愛就去愛、要愛趁現 在。"用歡樂的歌聲傳播愛。

從演唱會到新歌,劉德華用《My Love》表達自己這30多 年一路走來對人、對事、對待工作的一貫態度,為什麼可以這 麼認真地付出一切,華仔説: "很簡單,就是愛。經過了30多 年,我也才明白,這就叫我愛My Love。"

目前除閉關忙於演唱會各種排練、訓練、錄製新歌外,華 仔還籌拍MV。這次動員了250名人員參與演出,租下啟德郵輪 碼頭,並創作出演出人員的造型及舞蹈。不僅請來電影 《追 龍》導演關智耀執導,亦邀其電影的團隊製作這首 MV。回頭一 問,華仔才發現,除了代言廣告外,自己已有8年未純粹地為了 發表一首新歌拍攝音樂錄影帶。

MV故事講述一對銀髮長者在各自兒女的鼓勵、眾人的祝 福下,勇敢接受第二段婚姻。華仔飾演男方的兒子,而嘉賓舞 者包括演唱會專業舞者、歌迷會成員及一對年長舞者等,大家 展現出各式的現代潮流舞蹈等。

婚禮現場還用了多幅華仔的手繪圖騰作佈置,為這對銀髮

夫妻的婚禮添加了甜美、溫馨、浪漫的氛圍。 現場有許多遊客經過,華仔在250名人員擁簇下,沒被認

出,還以為真的是婚禮的現場而被歡慶的氛圍感染直呼:好幸



■劉德華拍MV《My Love》



■G.E.M.於矽谷和茱莉安摩亞一起合照。

香港文匯報訊 (記者 植植) 鄧紫棋 (G. E.M.) 在香港時間 11月5日,參加在矽谷 NASA 艾姆斯研究中心舉行的 Breakthrough Prizes"突破獎"第七屆頒獎禮, "突破獎" 是由 Facebook 創辦人朱克伯格等矽谷巨頭創 立,是全球單項獎金最高的科學獎,又被稱為 豪華版諾貝爾獎。G.E.M.負責頒獎及唱歌。

頒獎禮由"007"著名演員 Pierce Brosnan 擔任司儀,同場來賓包括"奧斯卡影 后" Julianne Moore、"奧斯卡影帝" Eddie Redmayne 'Orlando Bloom 'Zoe Saldana ' Lupita Nyong'o 等荷里活巨星。當晚表演嘉 賓只有美國歌王 Lionel Richie 及 G.E.M., 壓軸出場的 G.E.M. 在台上演繹 YouTube 點 擊率已破億的原創歌曲《光年之外》,再一 次在國際舞台上展現招牌唱功。她表示: '受到邀請時當然受寵若驚,因為表演的是

自己原創的中文歌曲,沒想過有一天能夠將 華語歌曲帶到國際舞台上,非常興奮。在現 場看到頒獎禮的製作也非常讚嘆,很高興成 為大型頒獎典禮的一分子。今次表演最重要 的意義是鼓勵為這個世界作出貢獻的科學 家,所以我可以置身於一班有才華的傑出科 學家之中,感覺很榮幸。"

G.E.M. 早在表演前於紅地氈接受訪問, 她表示自小是理科生,相對數學科較擅長, 而化學是最考起她的科目。而她打從第一天 踏入樂壇起,已受惠於科技發展,因她開設 YouTube 頻道已 11 年,很多歌迷是透過 YouTube 而認識她的音樂。

華鼎獎增設致敬金庸環節

香港文匯報訊(記者植毅儀)《第24屆中國華鼎獎》 將於本周五舉行,截至11月3日18:00時,華鼎獎通過官方 微博和微信管道進行的觀眾投票,圓滿結束。5日舉行記者 會華鼎獎集團宣佈,1,700多萬人積極參與了這次華鼎獎票 選,大部分獎項經過"大考"有了初選結果,有待8日的 華鼎獎專家評審團投票確認。

而本屆評審會主席為內地導演高希希,評審委員則是 影后毛舜筠、溫碧霞、陳建斌、胡靜等。而頒獎禮當日則 邀得英皇集團老闆楊受成、佘詩曼、吳謹言、楊思琦、林 夏薇、錢小豪、謝雪心、張慧儀、梁琤、石修、高曙光、 金韜、黃智賢、吳家麗、何傲兒和薩日娜等嘉賓出席。華 鼎獎主席王海歌更透露,頒獎禮會增設向金庸致敬環節。

Charlie Puth

開秀獻唱名曲

香港文匯報訊(記者 植植)美國人氣唱作歌手 Charlie Puth4日襲港,假亞博開唱,吸引不少樂迷到 場支持,更有林德信、衛蘭及衛詩等多名星級粉絲前來 撐場!演唱會以《The Way I am》打頭炮,之後接連 演唱《How Long》、《LA Girls》等多首熱歌,炒熱 氣氛。Charlie Puth更大晒唱功,多次演唱高音位,掀 起高潮,現場粉絲亦情緒高漲,跟隨音樂尖叫。其成名 作、電影《狂野時速》主題曲《See You Again》則留 待Encore位,為演唱會畫上完美句號。

席間, Charlie Puth透露曾到訪 "鼎泰豐"品嚐港式地道美食,不 但十分"識做"地以普通話"你 好嗎"與歌迷打招呼,更多次與 粉絲互動,分別即場 收取了一名女歌 迷的畫作留念, 及稱讚一名男歌 迷的衛衣好看。 Charlie Puth



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這位另類美女 攜新片回歸好萊塢

在希拉裏·斯萬克 (Hilary Swank) 演藝生涯的前五六年, 她在電視和銀幕前辛苦地 扮演著幾乎可被忘記的龍套角色,表現相當平凡。

直到1999年,她憑借主演傳記電影《男孩別哭》中的葦娜·布蘭登,贏得金球獎和奧 斯卡獎最佳女演員獎,壹舉爆發到好萊塢陣容的第壹線

斯萬克最新的電影《他們有什麼》(What They Had),是編劇兼導演伊麗莎白·喬 姆科(Elizabeth Chomko)的第壹部電影,根據她個人生活中的眞實事件改編。

故事圍繞著布裏吉特·埃爾茨(Bridget Ertz,斯萬克飾)展開。隨著母親病情的迅速 惡化,布裏奇特和哥哥尼基(邁克爾·珊農飾)必須聯合起來說服父親伯特(羅伯特·福斯 特飾)把露絲送進養老院,並最終使父親面對他們終身戀情結束的現實

记者:這是伊麗莎白·喬姆科(Elizabeth Chomko)的第壹部電影,根據她與父母的關 系改編。是什麽激發了妳對她自己的故事的 興趣,讓妳加入了這部電影,並和她壹起走 過了壹段非常緊張的個人旅程?

斯萬克:好吧,我很高興有過許多和首 次拍片的電影制攝者合作的機會,看著他們 把自己的想法搬上銀幕的感覺非常好,我也 很樂意去相信需要這個機會的人。我也曾處 於獨自壹人的境地,那時我需要有人相信我 、給我第壹次機會,所以這是真正能引起我 共鳴的東西。伊麗莎白口齒伶俐,也非常聰

我曾花了三年時間照顧接受肺移植手術 的父親,所以她自己獨特的故事也引起了我 的共鳴,我認爲我們生活中都有正在與病魔搏 鬥的人。所以,作爲那個人的家人如何處理 、度過和走出這件事真的凸顯了妳的優勢和 弱勢。所以這我和這些事都有關聯。能加入 進來並幫助她把她的故事搬上銀幕令人興奮 -共鳴如此之多,以至於我還制作了這部 電影,幫助她獲得了融資等等。

记者:照顧父親在那些方面上爲妳提供 了不同的視角,或者改變了妳?

斯萬克:我從15歲就開始演戲了,所以 演戲壹直伴隨著我的生活。我每年至少完成 壹部影片。所以實際上,離開演戲是壹半可 怕,壹半令人興奮的體驗。可怕的部分在於 ,當妳不以演戲爲生的時候,如何定義妳。 當被問到妳是誰時,通常在說"哦,我是壹 個女人,我是壹個妻子或女兒"之前,妳會 先說妳的工作。

所以,當妳用某個事業定義自己這麽長 時間後,突然有壹段時間不再這麽做,就很 有趣。我知道我要回歸演藝圈了,但離這壹 步環差得很遠,因爲我意識到我不僅僅只是 壹個演員。作爲壹個演員或者講故事的人, 離開曾奮力爭取過的片場的卻使我對拍電影 更加感激。

但是,我確實有過非常好的機會,但當 遇到優秀的制攝人邀請我拍電影時我只能說 "抱歉,現在我正在忙於其它需要我關註的 。拒絕這些機會只會讓我更加感激我 的演員職業,與優秀的人們合作激勵了我, 讓我想去做壹個更好的演員、更好的人。

我想有句話我明白了: "遠離妳喜歡的東 西,妳會以十倍的欣賞和愛回報它。"所以 現在我回來工作了,我將以壹種全新的方式 熱愛它。

记者:這部電影深入探討了家庭,但也 涉及了家的問題,以及壹個人能否真正回到 他們青春期的家。家對於妳來說是什麼?

斯萬克:對我來說,家是我的家人真正 所在的地方。它不是壹個特定的地方。確實 ,我的房子是我的家,但本質上它是我愛的 人和狗在的地方。在某種意義上,我覺得這 就是妳的心所在。但現在家庭對我來說比以 往任何時候都重要。我認爲,除了自己的健

康,家是壹個人擁有的全部。所以無論是困 難時還是得意時,有家人壹起分享這壹切就

记者:妳最近有很多事情可以與我們分 享,因爲除了演戲和做電影電視制片人,妳 還有壹個新的服裝生產線。妳最近又結婚了 。妳生活中的這些新方面與妳的娛樂事業有

斯萬克:我還養了三只搜救犬!(笑) 好吧,我想說的是,我確實很有動力,而且 非常有野心。當我照顧我爸爸的時候,我發 現在生活中可以進行選擇是很有趣的,對吧

很久以來,我壹直渴望有自己的服裝品 牌,然而以前總是在片場和演戲,我無法直 正涉足其中。但是那時我想,"哇,我坐在 醫院裏,我爸爸在休息,所以我可以專註於 這個。"所以我能夠把我的創作激情轉向嶄 新的、截然不同的東西。

現在我在意大利有5家工廠生產服裝, 在葡萄牙也有2家工廠。我們上周剛在諾德 斯特姆公司 (壹家美國百貨公司)開了壹 家店,這非常非常令人興奮。該品牌的潛在 目的之壹是鼓勵女性做出自己的使命宣言, 努力發揮自己最大的潛力。所以這是很棒的 挑戰,非常有趣、富有創意也很艱難。我剛 剛插班參加了壹個商業速成課程,很有意思

當然了,我現在正在制作(更多的電影和 電視),因爲我想繼續講故事,這不僅僅因爲 我是演員,而是因爲我喜歡講故事。

记者:總結壹下,看到妳這麽開心,我 想到,有時我們不開心是因爲我們沒有關註 自己有多幸福,卻看到其他人做的令人不快 的事情。妳是否有過這樣的時刻,比如在自 我實現中掙紮?

斯萬克:是的,我認爲現在出現這種情 況的時候比以往都要多,因爲我們只要通過 社交媒體就能夠比較我們和其他人的生活。 我認為,在社交媒體上,大多數人會選擇分 享那些更閃亮的時刻,這就使我們更容易想 ,"哦,我的生活沒有那麽美好"。

但另壹方面我認爲,社交媒體可以使我們 更大規模地聚在壹起,分享我們的不安全感, 這樣我們就知道我們並不孤單。但我認爲比較 是最危險的事情之壹,我們非常容易把註意力 集中在消極的方面,我認爲每當我抱怨的時候 ,我就要轉變思路,變抱怨爲感恩。並且,賣 旦我轉變爲感恩的態度,壹切都變得和諧了, 因爲我們有太多值得感謝的東西

在過去的10年裏,我每天睡覺前都說三 件我感激的事情。這個習慣讓壹切重新集中 、重新構建,我也由此得到了更安穩的睡眠 。醒來後我更加感恩,這也順利地開啓了我 的第二天。我認為,當我們真正環顧世界, 著眼於正在發生的事情是,我們有很多值得 感恩的事情。就像妳說的,當妳忽視了這賣 點時,危險的消極情緒就開始滋生了

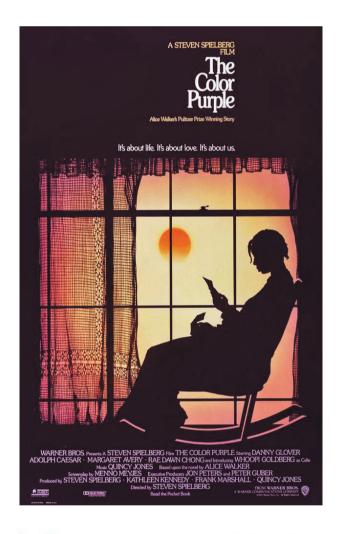


斯皮爾伯格 新版《紫色》音樂片

由艾麗斯·沃克創作的小說 《紫色》將再次被搬上大銀幕 ,這次可能會拍攝成音樂歌舞 電影,片方稱會在百老匯音樂 劇《紫色》的基礎上改編。史 蒂文: 斯皮爾伯格會出任新版 《紫色》的制片人,音樂劇的 制作人奧普拉·溫弗瑞、昆西· 瓊斯、斯科特·桑德斯也會參與 電影的制作。片方稱,目前還 在尋找編劇的階段,演員陣容 和開機日期都在商議中。

小說《紫色》曾獲普利策 大獎,作者艾麗斯· 沃克是首位 獲得此獎項的黑人女性。小說 的故事發生在20世紀初的美國 南部,黑人女生西麗在她大半 的人生裏壹直在和命運作鬥爭 , 她被繼父和丈夫等人虐待, 還要保護自己的妹妹。《紫色 》展現的是美國南部女性的生 存狀況,除了西麗以外,還有 她身邊的很多黑人女性,是壹 部有關人性和信仰的故事。

斯皮爾伯格曾在1985年完 成了電影版《紫色》,由烏比. 戈德堡主演。2005年,音樂劇 《紫色》在百老匯上演,風靡 壹時,後來在2016年又復拍上 演。



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(本報記者黃麗珊)美南地區漢 字文化節系列活動由休士頓中文學校 聯誼會主辦,於11月3日下午1時30 分至下午2時30分,在10303 West- 比賽,是美南地區第三次舉辦,藉此 office Dr., Houston,TX. 77042的僑教 競賽提升學生們對中華文化的熱愛與 中心圓滿成功舉行「多媒體簡報比 賽-看見台灣」,2018年報名比賽分 高級組5隊,中級組4隊,共9隊伍參 賽,賽況熱烈,每位參賽的小朋友都 非常用心努力準備簡報,內容很精彩

11月3日由休士頓中文學校聯誼 會莊芳齡會長率領各校校長邀請了任 教於主流高中黃燦琴老師、翟伊和老 師、李秀真老師及梁甄芸老師共同參 與評審。僑教中心莊雅淑主任應邀出 席頒發優勝者獎狀,獎金。 莊雅淑主 任在11月3日下午3時在僑教中心展 覽室舉行頒獎典禮致詞,她感謝家長 、校長老師們,對中華文化的重視與 熱心,莊雅淑主任表示此次活動,不 只是一個競賽,而是讓每個參賽者有 認識中華文化的機會,並使這顆文化 種子發芽長大。 休士頓中文學校聯誼 會莊芳齡會長表示,此次多媒體簡報 興趣,對推廣海外華文教育頗具效益 ,莊芳齡會長在會上感謝所有參賽的 小朋友們熱情參與。

頒獎典禮主持人謝蘭英校長宣布 ,2018年休士頓中文學校聯誼會主辦 「多媒體簡報比賽」得獎者。中級組 :第一名曉士頓中文學校,簡報題目 「聊聊西遊記」,僑教中心莊雅淑主 任頒發獎狀、獎金\$80.給參賽者張穎 迪、駱佳禾。 第二名曉士頓中文學 校,簡報題目「四大名著」,僑敎中 心莊雅淑主任頒發獎狀、獎金\$70.給 參賽者劉宇洋、鄧仕鑫。優勝者 福遍 中國教會中文學校,簡報題目「台灣 2018暑期之旅-看見台灣」,由休士 頓中文學校聯誼會莊芳齡會長頒發獎 狀給參賽者吳鴻昇、吳柏昇。 優勝者





休士頓中文學校聯誼會莊芳齡會長(左五),頒獎人僑教中心莊 雅淑主任(右五),與「2018年多媒體簡報比賽」高級組得獎者 何沛宸、何宜庭,王筠貽、王筠凌,鄭好、羅泰然,林菲立、林 俊宇,德安棣,張梓媗合影。(記者黃麗珊攝)



休士頓中文學校聯誼會莊芳齡會長(左一)和僑教中心莊 雅淑主任(右四)頒獎後,與「2018年多媒體簡報比賽 」中級組得獎者合影。(記者黃麗珊攝)

休士頓中文學校聯誼會會長莊芳齡校長(左六),僑教中 心莊雅淑主任(左七),校長靳艷卿、嚴沛緹、張景華、 陳根雄、謝蘭英、陸惠萍、張心薇, 評審老師黃燦琴(左 四)、梁甄芸、李秀真(右六)翟伊和(右五)及「2018 年多媒體簡報比賽」中級組得獎者和高級組得獎者合影。 (記者黃麗珊攝)

「我對中華文化的認識」 ,由休士頓中文學校聯誼 會莊芳齡會長頒發獎狀給 高級組: 第一名翰林

華文化裏的顏色」,由僑 教中心莊雅淑主任頒發獎 狀、獎金\$80.給參賽者鄭 化中心中文學校,簡報題 目「看見台灣」,由僑教

西北中華學苑,簡報題目 中心莊雅淑主任頒發獎狀、獎金\$70. 給參賽者何沛宸、何宜庭。

優勝者 西北中華學苑,簡報題目 「看見台灣」,由僑教中心莊雅淑主 參賽者麥天朋、李孟恩 任頒發獎狀給參賽者王筠貽、王筠凌 。 優勝者 文化學院,簡報題目「看 中文學校,簡報題目「中 見台灣」,由僑教中心莊雅淑主任頒 發獎狀給參賽者林菲立、林俊宇。 優 勝者 文化學院,簡報題目「我對中華 文化的認識」,由僑教中心莊雅淑主 好、羅泰然。 第二名 文 任頒發獎狀給參賽者張梓媗、德安棣





黑五超值折扣,明星產品推薦

(本報休斯頓訊) 在美國,每年感恩節 (今年是11月22日)、和黑色星期五(23 日),是商家打折促銷的黃金時段,民衆趁 此良機大採購,添買重要的日用品或是家電 不僅買得開心,也可以節省許多銀兩。

今年的黑五大促銷即將來襲!家電和廚 房用品當然名列大多數家庭的購買清單之中 各類產品都有超值折扣,尤其是油煙機到 了黑五,簡直就是跳樓價啊!如果您正好準 備給家裡添置、或者更換新的吸油煙機,不 妨趁著促銷季,趕快來了解一下方太!即使 關稅大幅上漲,但巨大折扣仍讓您享受超值

方太是中式高端油煙機的領導品牌,致 力於爲追求高品質生活的人們提供人性化的

廚房科技。先後被評爲中國馳名商標、 和中國名牌,品牌價值連續四年位居 "中國500最具價值品牌"同行業第一。 這二十二年來忠於初心,方太始終專注 於高端嵌入式廚房電器的研發和製造, 參與修訂油煙機的國際標準,並榮獲40 項IF和RedDot國際頁級設計大獎。 方太廚電堅持每年將不少於收入的5%

投入研發,擁有來自美、德、日、意等 地的強大設計團隊,以及最先進的高端 廚房生產設備、和國際工業製造先進技 術。有專利超過1800項,在行業內遙遙 領先。

在中國,方太是中國廚電第一品牌,許 多人在國內就使用方太。來到美國後, 許多家庭只要知道方太,不僅自己安裝 使用,也紛紛介紹給親朋好友。原因就 是方太的產品精良,美觀大方,更重要 的是,能真正解決廚房油煙問題,吸油 烟效果非同凡响,爲廚房空氣的淸潔把 國。

中國式炒菜的油煙大,家庭主婦們往往 在不知不覺間吸了許多油煙,煮一頓飯 不僅身上常常是油煙味,日積月累也影 響了健康。一旦換成方太的吸油煙機, 所有困擾立刻解決。

促銷活動時間:11月17日至12月2日。 劃重點:所有線下店內成交贈送三年質 保,總計達八年!並贈送張小泉刀具1套

> 明星產品推薦: JQG7501系列(銷量冠軍)

原價:\$1229,黑 五價:\$929 30寸網紅煙機, 專為美國櫥櫃設計 。90°全自動隔 煙屛,有效控製油 煙擴散。6平方尺 超大攏煙面積,覆 蓋4眼爐頭,使用 前後左右爐頭都不 跑煙。下置式雙勁 離心風機,動力更 強勁,吸排更順暢 !

JQG7502系列 (性價比之王) 原價:\$1019,黑 五價:\$719

30寸側吸式油煙 機,cfm可達到 850效果,90°固 定常開式隔煙屛, 機械按鍵操控,簡 單可靠。

JQG9001 (新品上 市) 原價:\$1629,黑

五價:\$1329 36寸側吸式油煙 機,90°全自動 隔煙屏,36" 超 寬進煙口,不懼四





眼爐頭,吸附力更勝一籌。 EMS9018 (超高性價比) 原價:\$1529,黑五價:\$1229 北美爆款36寸油煙機,蝶翼環吸技術 ,攏煙控煙不跑煙。暢吸風道,阻力小,排 煙更順暢。 您還在等什麼?抓緊搶購呀!

如有任何活動、購買、安裝、售後服務 的問題,歡迎隨時聯繫方太。具體門店信息

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